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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and in order to place the above identified application in better condition for examination, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS (AS ON AMENDED SHEETS)

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or claim 2".

Claims 4, 5, 6, and 8, line 1 of each, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert -- claim 1 --.

Claim 9, lines 1 and 2, delete "any one of the preceding claims" and insert -- claim 1 --.

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Claim 10, line 2, delete "any one of claims 1 to 8" and insert -- claim 1 --.

11. (Amended) A cell transduced with a retroviral delivery system according to [any one of claims 1 to 8] claim 1 or a viral particle obtainable therefrom [according to claim 9, or a retroviral vector according to claim 10].

12. (Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a retroviral delivery system according to [any of claims 1 to 8, or a viral particle according to claim 9, or a